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REPORT ON ACTS OF PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY AGAINST SHIPS

Third quarterly report

1 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its sixty-fifth session in May 1995, instructed the Secretariat to issue, as from 31 July 1995, monthly reports of all incidents of piracy and armed robbery against ships reported to the Organization and, in addition, on a quarterly basis, composite reports accompanied by an analysis, on a regional basis, of the situation and an indication whether the frequency of incidents is increasing or decreasing and advising on any new feature or pattern of significance.

2 Annexed hereto is a composite report covering all incidents of piracy and armed robbery against ships received between 1 July and the end of September 1996 and a regional analysis thereof.

3 The areas most affected over the period under review are the South China Sea, South America, the Indian Ocean, the west coast of Africa and the Mediterranean Sea. Most of the attacks were reported in territorial waters while the ships were at anchor or berthed. In many of the attacks, the crews were threatened by groups of one to four people carrying guns.

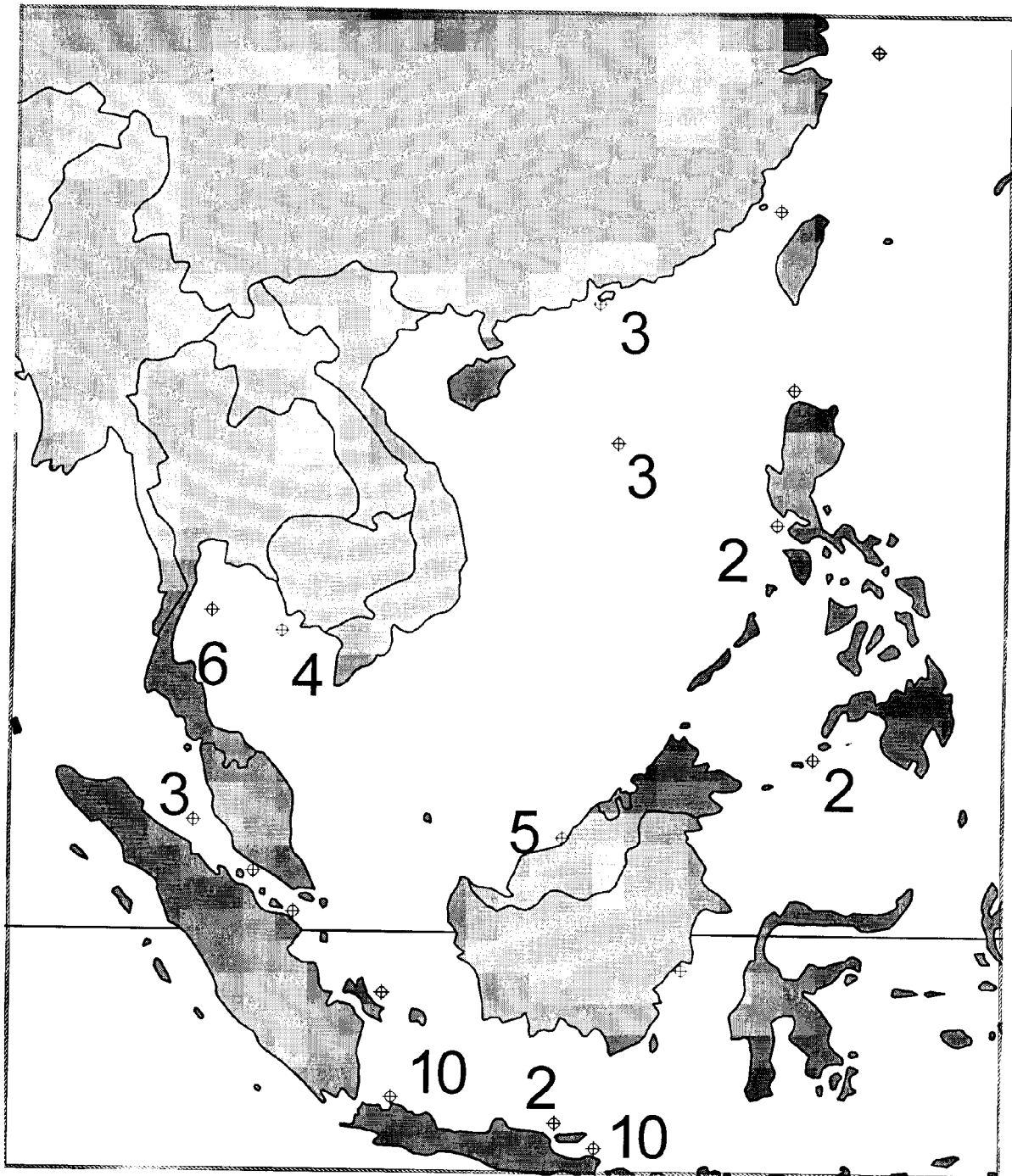
4 The total number of acts of piracy and armed robbery against ships so far reported to the Organization is 784, an increase of 85 since 30 June 1996.

ANNEX 1

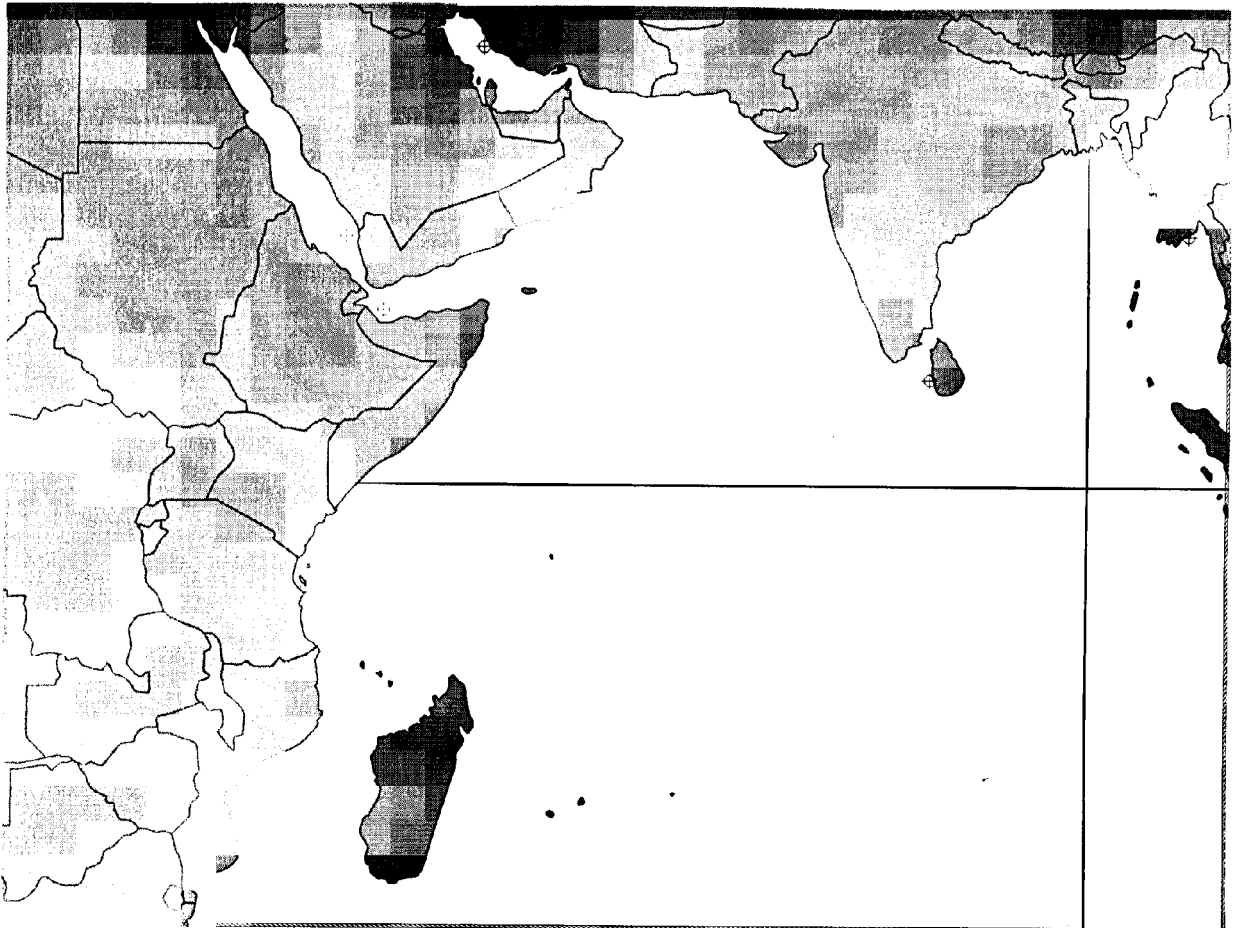
REGIONAL ANALYSIS OF INCIDENTS OF PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY REPORTED DURING THE
THIRD QUARTER OF 1996

		SOUTH CHINA SEA	INDIAN OCEAN	WEST AFRICA	SOUTH AMERICA	MEDITERRANEAN SEA
Location of incident						
	In international waters	16	2	0	0	0
	In territorial waters	36	5	1	8	1
	In port areas	5	0	2	9	0
Status of ship when attacked						
	Steaming	19	1	0	1	0
	At anchor or berthed	36	6	2	15	1
	Not stated	2	0	1	1	0
Number of persons involved in the attack						
	1-4 persons	9	3	1	6	0
	5-10 persons	8	2	0	6	0
	More than 10 persons	0	0	0	0	0
	Not stated	40	2	2	5	1
Consequences to the crews						
	Actual violence used against crews	10	2	0	7	0
	Threat of violence (including crew being tied up but not physically attacked)	6	1	0	1	1
	Ship missing	1	0	0	0	0
	None/not stated	40	4	3	9	0
Weapons used by attackers						
	Guns	5	2	0	6	0
	Knives	6	0	1	0	0
	Other	4	2	0	1	1
	None/not stated	42	3	2	10	0
Parts of the ship raided						
	Master and crew accommodation	6	2	1	8	1
	Cargo area	6	0	0	4	0
	Store rooms	23	5	1	5	0
	Engine room	6	0	0	0	0
	Not boarded	15	0	1	0	0
	Not stated	1	0	0	0	0
Total number of incidents reported		57	7	3	17	1

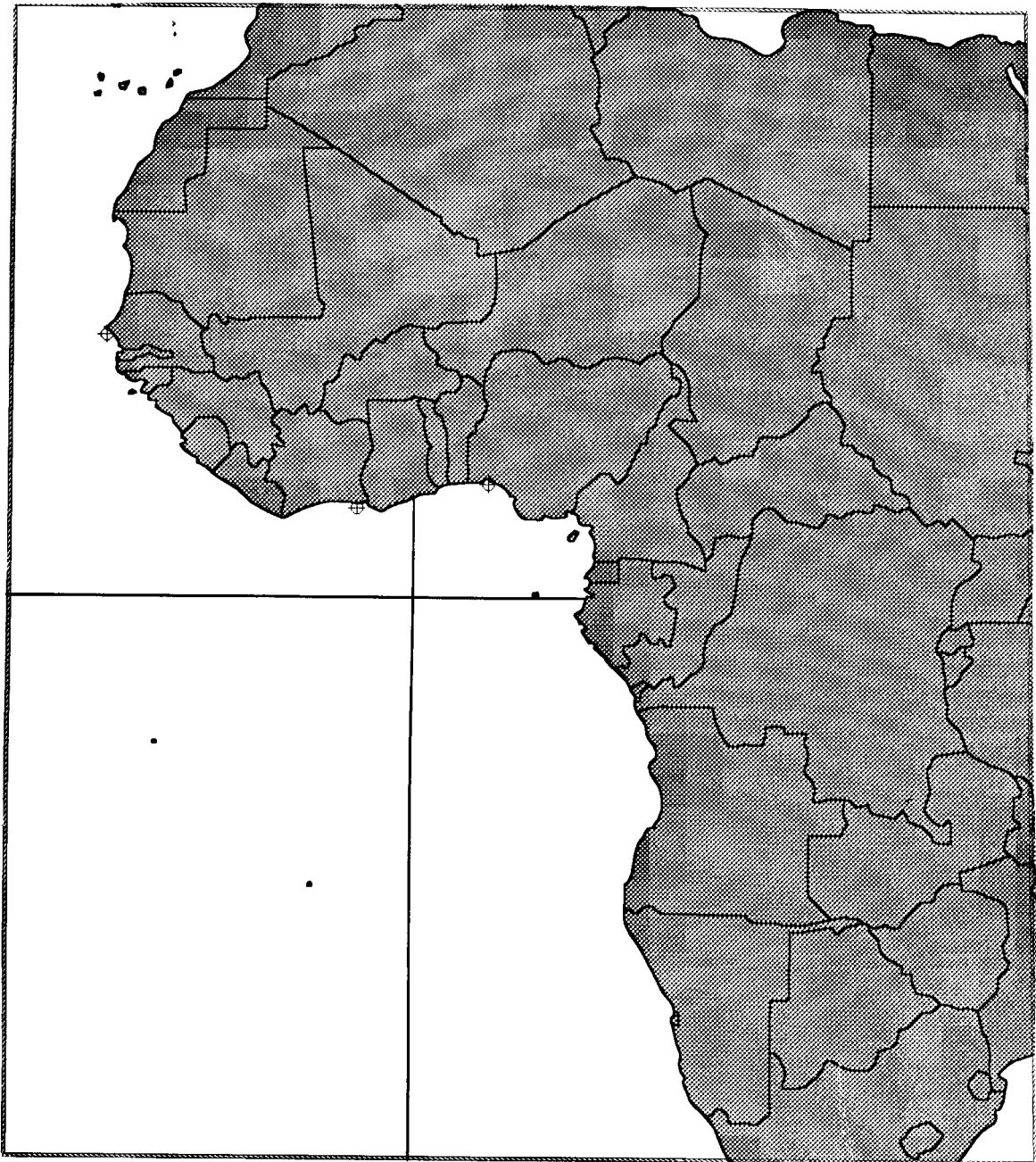
SOUTH CHINA SEA



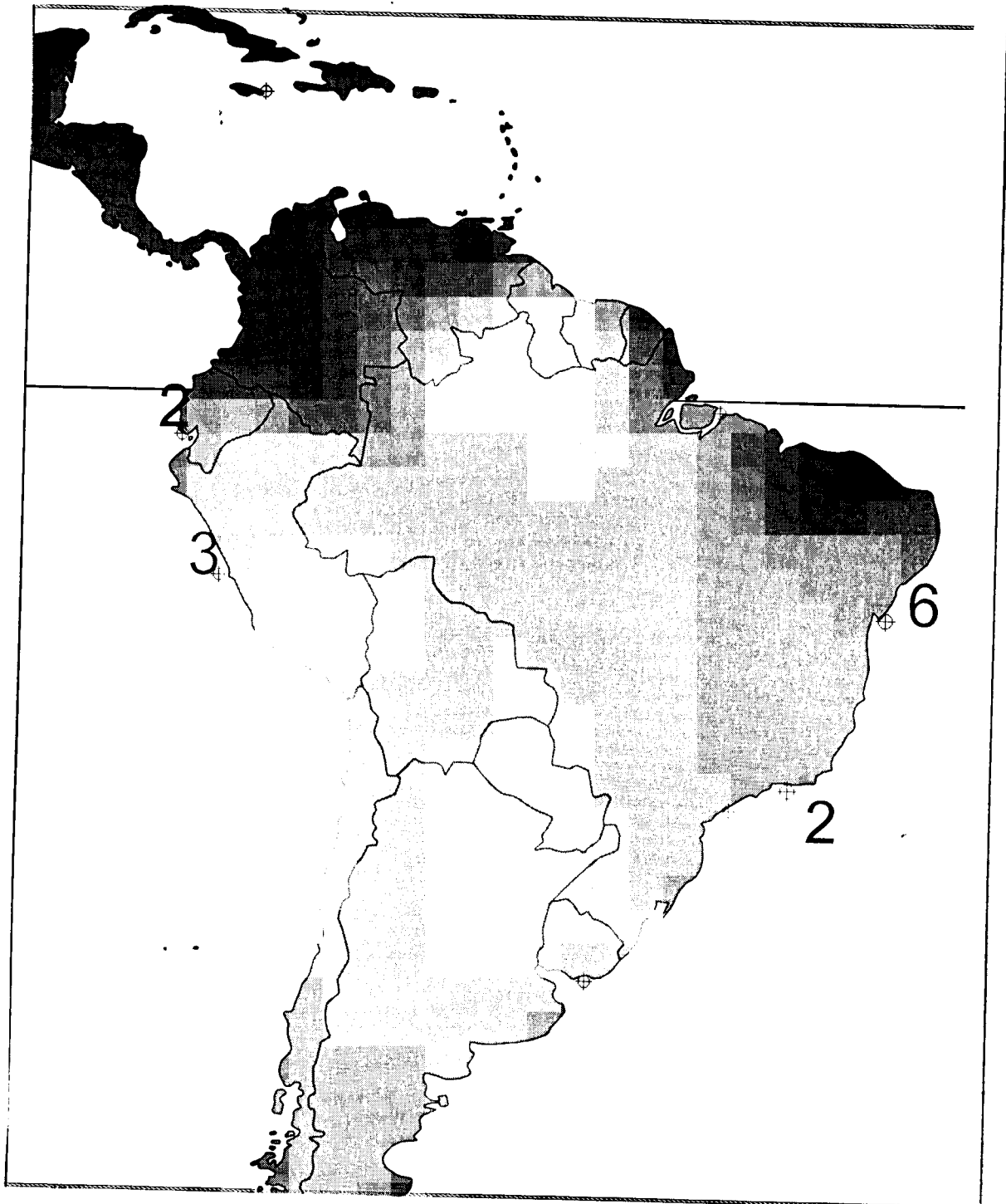
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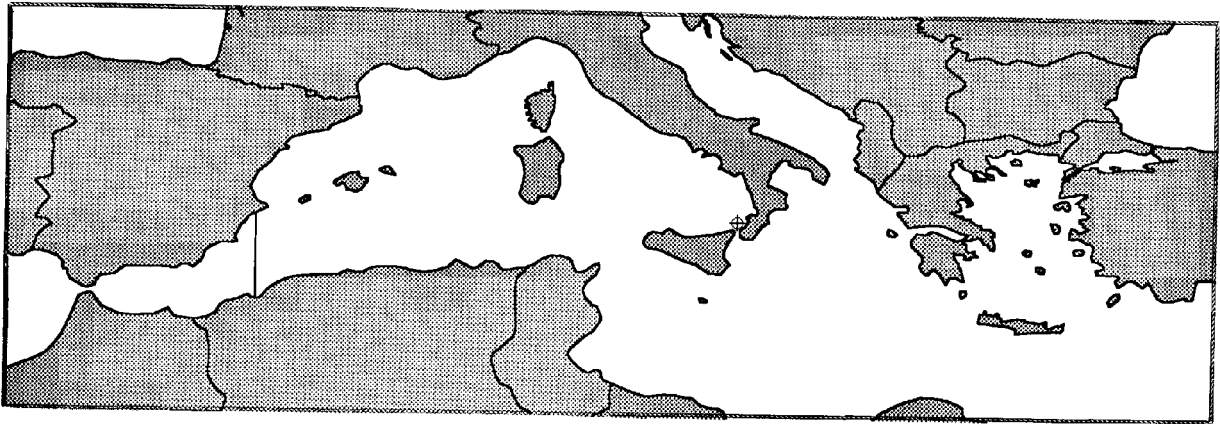
WEST AFRICA



SOUTH AMERICA



MEDITERRANEAN SEA



ANNEX 2

LOCATION OF ACTS OF PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY REPORTED DURING THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1996

